ALEXANDER ALBERTSON.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 355.]

MARCH 19, 1860.

Mr. John G. Davis, from the Committee on Public Lands, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the memorial of Alexander Albertson, of Platte county, Nebraska Territory, respectfully report:

That it appears from the memorial aforesaid that the said Alexander Albertson, in the spring of 1856, settled upon and claimed a quarter section of land in said county; that in that and the succeeding year he improved and cultivated thirty acres of said claim, and built a house thereon; that subsequently that portion of the country was surveyed by the government, by the lines of which survey it was found that a part of his said claim and the improvements by him made thereon was on the NW. quarter of the NW. quarter, and lot No. 2, of section 16, township 17 N., of range 4 E., of the 6th principal meridian; that the said Albertson failed to file in the proper land office his intention to pre-empt said tracts of land within the time prescribed by law, he being ignorant of the law in that respect. These facts are also established by the testimony of the county surveyor and county judge of that county. It is further established by the certificate of John A. Parker, register of the land office at Omaha City, that the government plat of said township, on file in his office, shows the existence of improvements on the said NW. quarter of the NW. quarter, and lot No. 2, of said section 16, township 17, range 4 E.

Your committee are of the opinion that the said Alexander Albertson is entitled to the relief sought, and herewith report a bill for that

purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.